

In a number of the counties in the Southeast candidates have announced for office and the race is on in earnest. The fun will be all over before the warm weather comes.

Our Republican friends throughout the State seem to be in a peck of trouble over the post-offices. The "ins" want to stay in, and the "outs" want in—and there is where the trouble is.

Robb of Perry, Pratt of Ste. Genevieve, and Smith of St. Francois, seem to be the avowed candidates for Congress in this district this year. Robb and Smith have declared in favor of the primary plan of nominating.

It is announced that John E. Organ of Dent county will be the race for the Democratic nomination for State Senator in this district, provided the nomination is made by primary election. John is mistaken. He will not be in the race in any event. He may think he is in. That will be all.

The Reynolds county papers say that C. M. Buford, their circuit clerk for the past eight years, will be in the contest for the Democratic nomination for State Senator in this district. Senator Farris and a man by the name of Watson from Phelps county, it is also stated, will be candidates.

The big city papers amuse me—sometimes. They frequently boast their public spirit and philanthropic endeavor. They believe in self-laudation and indulge in it to an extent that would, under like circumstances, encarnate the pages of the nerviest "rooral rooster," within the State's broad domain. Does the street railway put on two new cars? The T.-D. did it with its little Faber. Is a new hotel projected? 'Tis because the T.-M. unceasingly voiced its crying need. Does the public contribute to a charity fund? Ah, the S.-Q. gave it impetus with its benevolent preachments. And so weiter. Each paper has its particular line of service to the public, and journalistic ethics forbid the one trenching on the other. This fully explains why the new fast mail service on the Frisco to the Southwest gets columns of space in the morning issues, while the post-meridian outputs give it secondary place. The latter recognize that they must not "hog" all from their ante-prandial contemporaries! Courteous, is it not? O, yes, I know your Doubting Thomas is ever at hand, and he always gives merit the poisoned half of the apple. In this instance he sneers that as the new train takes an early morning departure from the city, it's "nuts" to the one sheet at the expense of the other, and hence the former's lavishness of exploitation and the latter's niggardly stint of space. But right-thinking persons will not heed him, damnably logical as he is.

The St. Louis Court of Appeals last week handed down a decision sustaining the State Game Warden's contention that no person can go a-hunting, even in the county where he resides, without a license so to do having been obtained and paid for. Judge Bland's peculiar reasoning sets aside the plain English of the first section of the law—and upon it hung and are conditioned all the sections that follow—and makes a minor the major premise of his conclusion. He admits that the rule is to strictly construe statute law, but then goes off into the woods of speculation to find the hidden intent of the law-makers. Even in this quest he seems to be unfortunate, since I understand that the legislator who introduced the bill, as also the Speaker of the House, says that there was no such intent in it as the Court of Appeals has judicially discovered and established. The decision takes no cuticle off my shin, for I long ago became assured that it was wrong to murder unoffending, defenseless dumb animals, merely "for sport." I am rather glad of the decision in itself, so far as it puts a new meaning to the words of the Republican House, the kow-towing Senate and the Fake-Democratic Governor. No Democrat who is a Democrat from principle, seeks to restrict the natural rights of one class in order to contribute to the pleasure and convenience of another. There has never been a game law enacted in this State that its main purpose was not to subvert the "sporting" interests of those favored by fortune above and beyond the necessity of daily toil; whose time often hangs heavy upon their leisure; and whose lad it is to seek

excitement and adventure in the rural wilds of the southeast or southwest. Mercy to the innocent objects of the chase was not thought of or intended, but rather that they might increase and thus afford still more opportunity for killing. If there ever was "class" legislation, your game laws are of that nature. The decision in question pleases me, though, because it may awaken enough interest with the people to eventually wipe out both the law and its interpretation. The (sometimes) all-powerful ballot is slow in execution and often erratic, but it does occasionally "knock the black out."

Carver Creek Items.

We are having fine weather for this month so far. We are glad to say, at this writing, that G. W. Swearingim is on the mend and able to be out once more.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Corwin, a girl. Mother and baby doing fine.

Misses Alice Pinkley and Susie Swearingim, who have been staying in Flat River, have returned home. Mrs. Laura Bourline and children of Flat River are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swearingim.

We are sorry to say that some of the young folks are having the mumps.

Misses Susie Swearingim, Alice and Emma Pinkley spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Gibbs.

Andy Gibbons is one of the sufferers from the mumps.

We are sorry to hear that Jacob Pinkley is very sick.

Mrs. Adaline Rains is on the sick list this week.

Clint Stout went to De Soto on business last Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Bourline and children spent a few days with Mrs. Clara Stout.

Misses Hattie Swearingim and Ida Vickery are visiting Miss Mabel Rood of Sabula.

The children of Carver are all sorry that school will soon close. Miss Rood has taught a good school here and we are sorry to give her up.

Aunt Martha Sherrill has sold her old home place to Arthur Parker, and will buy the Harlow Kelley place.

George Sherrill made a trip to Ironton yesterday.

We are glad to see that Adolph Bourline is back in Hogan again.

G. W. Swearingim and wife spent last Friday with Mrs. Martha Sherrill. Geo. and Jesse Sherrill and wives were also visiting their mother last Friday.

Miss Susan Swearingim and her sister, May, visited Miss Kissner Saturday.

Miss Maggie Gibben was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Swearingim, Wednesday.

Mrs. George Sherrill was the guest of Mrs. John Pinkley Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Lucy Sherrill has gone to spend a few weeks with her brother, George.

A. Sherrill made a trip to Ironton yesterday. SNOWFLAKE.

Hogan Items.

Mr. Editor; it is too cold to write much this time.

Miss C. Stout of Ironton spent a few days with her brother of this place.

L. Pearson has been quite sick with fever, resulting from the mumps.

M. Owens and Mrs. J. A. Reese and children of De Soto, and Miss Dora Owens of St. Louis, were the guests of Mrs. Bisch during the past week.

Charles Bollinger of Sabula was in Hogan Monday.

Holloman Bros. have quite a number of logs on hand and the mill is running steady.

L. Busher and family have returned from Flat River.

J. B. Holloman and A. E. Bisch were in Ironton Thursday.

Chas. Flinn, our railroad time-keeper, spent Sunday at Hogan.

We understand the "Dago" force is reduced to ten men.

Mrs. Wm. Lee of Arcadia is the guest of Mrs. Bisch. MAUDE.

Will Huff of Flat River spent Sunday in Hogan.

Misses Willie Conley and Della Gibbons are on the sick list.

Linn Holloman was in Ironton Monday.

Misses Mona Jaynes of Thermopolis, Wyoming, and Maud Bollinger of Sabula visited relatives in Hogan recently.

Miss Julia Huff of Piedmont visited Hogan relatives last week.

Miss Laura Saffold will close a six months' term of school Saturday. We have a new addition of fifty-three books to our school library, which is due to the efforts of Miss Saffold and pupils. MAXME.

Goodland Items.

Sunday was a rainy day. Goodland is having a siege of sore eyes.

Born—January 8, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Akers, a girl. On the 11th, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Douglass.

Don Eaton is attending school at Cape Girardeau.

Dr. Adams is not enjoying good health this winter.

Mrs. R. C. Love of Ironton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alice Webb, of Goodland.

The two little children of H. N. Brooks have been very sick. Quite a number of people from Goodland attended church on Brushy last Sunday.

Revs. Asher and Chester have been holding a protracted meeting at Burgundy.

At the services of the Baptist church at Goodland, on the last day of the year, there were fourteen baptized.

S. L. Brooks will move into his new house this week.

Frank Adams made a trip to Tolu last Saturday.

Mrs. Brooks is having a dam built to turn the creek off her land.

F. M. Adams was called to Belgrade last week to the death bed of his cousin, Tommy Henderson.

Miss Ella Eaton accompanied him and visited relatives at Belgrade.

The prayer meeting continues to grow in interest.

The dance at Charley Anderson's Friday night was a fizzle.

Dr. Oswald Parker was the guest of Dr. Adams one day last week.

Mrs. Belle Harrison of Lester-ville visited her parents last week.

Rev. Collier preached Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday. Quite a goodly number assembled in spite of the rain.

And still the good work goes on. PAULINE.

Why the Barber Talks.

Keeps Posted on Current News of the Day and is Competent to Speak.

"Barbers have to know something besides shaving and hair cutting," said the boss of a downtown shop, says the New York Sun. "They have to read the newspapers. They must keep up with the news of the day, and especially sporting events. I don't know why it is so, but a majority of my customers begin talking about the races and baseball and other sports as soon as they get in the chair."

"You have heard about the garrulous barber. Now the fact is that a city barber rarely opens his mouth if the customer is reticent."

"If the barber talks it is due to the customer, and, as I have said, most of the customers in a barber shop run to sporting news. If they find that the barber is not posted they will go elsewhere. There is no rule requiring a barber to read the newspapers in the shop, but he understands that he is expected to know what is going on."

"I have one man here who has made a study of the war in the far east, and I really think he would be a valuable aid to any board of strategy. Several of his customers are in the Army building, and no matter how many are ahead of them when they come in they wait for that barber because they like to hear his views."

France's "Green Peril."

France has a "green peril," which, however, it does not dread, but rather courts. In round numbers, it is said, 2,920,000 gallons of absinthe are annually required to allay the thirst of Frenchmen, or, rather, French men and French women, as the latter consume their full share, not only in the cafes of Paris, but throughout France.

One result attributed to the absinthe habit is the increase in lunacy in France. During the last 60 years the number of lunatics has increased from 10,000 to 80,000, while the increase in crime during the same period has also been great.

Not Good Reading.

"Have you ever looked up your ancestors?" asked the antique enthusiast.

"Well," replied his indifferent friend, with a twinkle, "I've skimmed them over—yes. After getting that far, I found I didn't really care to go into detail."—Detroit Free Press.

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Notice is hereby given, that letters testamentary upon the estate of William L. Tribbe late of Iron county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Mrs. Adelia A. Tribbe, by the Judge of the Probate Court of the county of Iron, bearing date the 19th day of January, 1906. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefits of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Ironton, Mo., January 19, 1906.

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Fancy 100-Piece Dinner Sets; former price, \$10.50; Sale price, \$7.25.

Fancy Decorated 56-Piece Sets; former price, \$7.50; Sale price \$5.00.

Same; former price \$5.50; Sale price, \$3.90.

Twelve-Piece Fancy Decorated Toilet Sets; former price, \$10.50; Sale price, \$8.00.

Eight-piece Fancy Decorated Toilet Sets; former price, \$6.50; Sale price, \$4.25.

Six-piece Toilet Set; former price \$3.25; Sale price, \$2.00.

4-Piece Toilet Sets, White and Yellow, worth \$3, for \$1.15 per set.

4-Piece Glass Sets, former price, 50c; Sale price, 30c.

Dessert Dishes, Glass and Porcelain, former prices, 40c & 60c; Sale prices, 25c & 35c.

Excellent Quality Plain Tumblers, were 35c per set; Sale price, 15c.

Excellent Quality Goblets, former price per set, 50c; Sale price, 30c.

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Fancy Hanging Lamps, former price \$5; Sale price, \$3.75.

Fancy Hall Lamps, former price \$2.50; Sale price, \$1.50.

Fancy Decorated Stand Lamps, former prices, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, and \$4.50; Sale prices, 45c, 65c, 80c, and \$3.

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Heavy Stock, Beautiful Patterns in the Fancies. Also, plain White and Marbles, sold regular everywhere at 20c and 25c; Sale price 15c a yard.

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